

**TOWN OF OCEAN ISLE BEACH
THREE WEST THIRD STREET
OCEAN ISLE BEACH, NC 28469**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
May 8, 2014
BUDGET WORKSHOP
MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Debbie Smith	Mayor Pro Tem Dean Walters
Commissioner Bob Williams	Commissioner Betty Williamson
Commissioner D.B. Grantham	Commissioner R. Wayne Rowell
Daisy Ivey, Town Administrator	Larry Sellers, Assistant Town Administrator
Sue Stuhr, Town Clerk	Justin Whiteside, Planning Director
John Goodwin, Police Chief	Robin Farmer, Accounting Supervisor
Robert Yoho, Fire Chief	

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Smith called the reconvened meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Upon a motion by Commissioner Williamson, with a second by Commissioner Rowell, the agenda was unanimously approved.

BUDGET DISCUSSION F/Y 2014-2015

1. Mayor Smith stated the first item of business was discussion of the Town's budget for fiscal year 2014-2015. Mrs. Ivey presented a recommended budget for the General Fund, Canal Dredging, Beach Renourishment, Water, Sewer, Accommodation Tax and Airport Funds. Mrs. Ivey detailed each Town Department's expenditures and summarized proposed increases or decreases in line items.

COUNCIL/ STAFF DISCUSSION

Council and Staff discussed necessary projects, economic forecast and tax rates. Other topics considered included retiree insurance, a new generator for Town Hall, curbside recycling, railings and lighting on the bridge, rehab of the Town's lift stations, and capital reserves for future replacement of the Vac truck. Mrs. Ivey advised of the approval of NCDOT funds for the Town's proposed sidewalk/pathway project on Causeway Drive estimated at a total cost of \$120,000. Mrs. Ivey asked the Board to consider approval of the Town's match in the amount of \$20,000 for inclusion in the budget. Upon a motion by Commissioner Williamson and second by Commissioner Rowell, the Board vote was unanimous to include the Town's matching funds for the proposed project as part of the F/Y 2014-15 budget. The Board also held discussion regarding the pending eminent domain proceedings for the Bank of America property located on Causeway Drive. Board members were in consensus to direct staff to check with the Town Attorney for a referral to a legal firm that specializes in eminent domain for consultation regarding the next steps in the condemnation proceedings.

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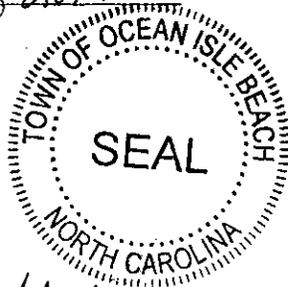
The Board expressed their appreciation to staff for their diligence in controlling expenditures in order to help increase the Town's fund balances and maintain financial accountability.

ADJOURN

With no additional comment heard, Mayor Smith expressed her appreciation to the Board and staff for this productive workshop. The budget meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Commissioner Williams with a second by Commissioner Rowell. The vote was unanimous.

DATED: May 8, 2014

SIGNED: Debbie Smith
Debbie Smith, Mayor



ATTEST: Sue Stuhr
Sue Stuhr, Town Clerk